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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEGUCIGALPA 0831

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, HO

SUBJECT: F-86 AIRCRAFT DEAL

1. AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM R.A. CRONIN, PRESIDENT, SOUTHEAST FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MIAMI SPRINGS DATED FEBRUARY 24, 1975 REQUESTING EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING PAYMENT FROM GOH FOR OR RETURN OF T-33 AIRCRAFT DELIVERED AT SAN PEDRO SULA ON JUNE 15, 1974. PLANE FORMED PART OF \$2,000,000 CONTRACT FOR F-86S WITH AEROTRADE INTERNATIONAL, INC. BANK STATES IT NEGOTIATED DOCUMENTS FOR AEROTRADE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,000 DRAWN UNDER IRREVOCABLE COMMERCIAL LETTER OF CREDIT ESTABLISHED ON BEHALF OF GOH BY CENTRAL BANK OF HONDURAS. LETTER ADDS CENTRAL BANK REFUSED PAYMENT "DUE TO SOME MINOR DISCREPANCIES INCURRED IN DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED."

2. DAO HAS DISCUSSED MATTER ON INFORMAL BASIS WITH COL. CHINCHILLA, VICE CHIEF OF AIR FORCE. GOH POSITION IS THAT T-33 WAS INDEED PART OF \$2,000,000 DEAL AND IS OF NO USE TO AIR FORCE WITHOUT THE F-86S, APPROVAL FOR THE SALE FORWHICH USG HAS DECLINED TO GRANT TO SOURCE COUNTRY (YUGOSLAVIA). GOH ALREADY HAS PAID \$200,000 (10 PERCENT OF CONTRACT PRICE) TO AEROTRADE. DELIVERY OF T-33 WAS NOT DESIRED OR REQUESTED BY GOH WITHOUT THE OTHER PLANES. T-33 WAS RECEIPTED FOR AT REQUEST OF FERRYING PILOT BUT HAS NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN USED (CONTRARY TO ALLEGATION OF BANK) SINCE ITS DELIVERY DUE TO CONFIDENTIAL

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FAULT IN ONE OF ITS SYSTEMS.

3. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS IN THE PREMISES ON REPLY TO
BANK.
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